

FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

DRAFT OF A PROPOSED PROVISION PERTAINING TO EXISTING
APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FEDERAL POWER COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 17 (calendar day, FEBRUARY 23), 1931.—Read, referred to the
Committee on Appropriations, and ordered to be printed

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, February 21, 1931.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress a draft of a proposed provision pertaining to existing appropriations for the Federal Power Commission.

The details of this provision, the necessity therefor, and the reasons for its transmission at this time are set forth in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget transmitted herewith, with whose comments and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,
Washington, February 21, 1931.

SIR: I have the honor to submit for your consideration a draft of a proposed provision pertaining to existing appropriations of the Federal Power Commission, as follows:

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Any unexpended balances on June 30, 1931, of the appropriations for expenses of the Federal Power Commission, provided by the independent offices act, 1931, approved April 19, 1930, and the second deficiency act, fiscal year 1930, approved July 3, 1930, are continued and made available until June 30, 1932, and the lim-

itation for personal services in the District of Columbia, for the fiscal year 1932, contained in the independent offices act, fiscal year 1932, is hereby increased to \$265,000 (U. S. C., title 16, secs. 791-795; act June 23, 1930, vol. 46, p. 797; act April 19, 1930, vol. 46, p. 235; act July 3, 1930, vol. 46, p. 863).

The estimate for expenses of the Federal Power Commission contained in the Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1932, page 32, was predicated upon the best information available at the time as to the funds which would be required by the new commission provided for by the act approved June 23, 1930, entitled "An act to reorganize the Federal Power Commission." The recently reorganized commission, after a careful survey of the duties imposed upon it and the accumulation of unfinished business, finds that the provision contained in the pending independent offices act, fiscal year 1932, for salaries for personal services in the District of Columbia, is inadequate. In order that it may properly function during the fiscal year 1932 it will be necessary for the commission to materially increase its staff of legal and accounting employees beyond that contemplated at the time the Budget for 1932 was prepared. Due to the fact that the commission has but recently been reorganized and that certain items of anticipated expenditures, including that for rent in the District of Columbia, will not be required this fiscal year, it is estimated that there will be an unexpended balance of approximately \$50,000 in the appropriation for 1931. It is proposed that this unexpended balance be continued and made available until June 30, 1932, for the salaries of additional legal and accounting employees in the District of Columbia.

The foregoing proposed provision is made necessary by a contingency which has arisen since the transmission of the Budget for the fiscal year 1932. I recommend that it be transmitted to Congress.

Very respectfully,

J. CLAWSON ROOP,
Director of the Bureau of the Budget.

The PRESIDENT.

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